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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

IMNW-CAR-ZA

15 April 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Carson Water Policy, Effective 15 April 2006

1. Through complying with the Colorado Springs Utilities water restriction program over the last four years and improving the water using infrastructure, Fort Carson has reduced its annual water consumption nearly 45% (over 400 million gallons per year). To continue the water reduction successes under the Fort Carson sustainability program and to save valuable utility dollars for the operating budget, I am directing Fort Carson to maintain the best management practices established over the last several years even though city restrictions have recently been lifted. I am confident that the entire Mountain Post Team will do its part to help Fort Carson continue saving this precious resource and the dollars we spend to acquire it. I applaud the past efforts you have made to conserve water and I ask that you continue to do so in all your activities.

2. Water Restriction Program

a. All personnel, organizations and contractors on Fort Carson will maintain water restriction procedures. The Garrison Commander or his designated representative(s) will carry out corrective actions specified herein for violations of the policy.

(1) Family Housing:

(a) Our family housing partner, Fort Carson Family Housing, LLC, (FCFH) now reimburses the Government for utility costs for the family housing areas. FCFH faces the same resource concerns and as a result will limit watering to no more than three days per week. FCFH will ensure residents without built-in watering systems also limit watering to three days per week. Their systems should only be used after 1900 and before 0900, except for testing and repairs. Watering during these times maximizes the effectiveness of watering as less wind and heat reduce stress on plants and allows for greater water penetration.

(b) New sod and seed will need more frequent watering to become established. FCFH will maintain turf irrigation permits for all sod and seed projects initiated in housing. Residents who want to do their own reseeding or lay sod may obtain grass seed and turf irrigation permits from the FCFH work order office, Building 6271.

(c) Residents may not make significant changes to landscaping in quarters without permission from FCFH.

(d) Fort Carson family housing will be responsible for enforcing these restrictions. Citations will be issued in accordance with the resident guide, and may result in fines or termination of lease agreements for repeated or blatant violations.

(2) Non-Housing Areas:

(a) Outdoor watering will be kept to a minimum with a no more than three-times-per-week watering schedule. The golf course is one exception as it will be allowed to water more frequently due to the use of wastewater effluent for watering over the use of fresh water. Unless justified by unusual circumstances, occupants or responsible individuals are asked to water after 1900 or before 0900 to maximize the effectiveness of watering as less wind and heat reduce stress on plants and allows for greater water penetration.

(b) New xeriscaping, sod or seed, which requires extra watering to become established, requires specific approval by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Bldg. 305, Room 115, 526-1695. Watering exceptions for reclamation of disturbed areas or construction sites must also be obtained from DPW. Permits for exceptions will be readily available on site. Violation of a permit will result in its revocation.

(c) Suspected violations in non-family housing areas should be reported to the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management (DECAM), 526-0979, or DPW, 526-2927.

b. Other Restrictions.

(1) For military vehicles, units will use the Central Vehicle Wash Facility (CVWF) rather than motor pool wash racks unless the CVWF is not operational or is closed. Motor pool wash racks are intended for maintenance cleaning only. Hoses require a positive shutoff nozzle. Report wash rack hydrant or other leaks promptly to the DPW Service Order Desk (526-5345).

(2) Alternative Water Management Plans (AWMP) may be approved by DPW for special circumstances, such as for implementing the Fort Carson Landscape Plan or for heavily used athletic or playing fields. Request an AWMP by contacting DPW, Bldg. 305, Room 115, 526-1695. A copy of the AWMP will be readily available on site for review. Violation of the AWMP will result in revocation of the approval or increased inspection.

(3) Hydrant use is limited to essential purposes, including but not limited to, dust mitigation and supplying water to construction sites where water service is unavailable. Hydrant permits must be obtained from the DPW, Bldg. 305, Room 115, 526-1695. A positive shutoff valve will be used as a condition of receiving a hydrant permit. A copy of the hydrant permit will be readily available on site for review. Violation of an approved hydrant permit will result in its revocation or increased inspection.

(4) Request that water leaks be repaired. Call Fort Carson Family Housing (579-1605) to report leaks in family housing. Call the DPW Service Order Desk (526-5345) to report leaks in non-family housing facilities.

(5) The Garrison Commander or designated representative(s) will resolve disputes concerning violations. Disputes will be resolved within 14 days of the notice of violation, subject to filing by the requestor within two working days of the notice.

c. Water Saving Tips.

(1) Turn off watering systems on rainy days or when it is extremely windy.



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(2) Position sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn or garden, not in areas where it is not needed.

(3) Weeds are water thieves and will rob your plants of water and nutrients. Spot spray or remove weeds as they appear.

(4) Longer grass surfaces promote deeper rooting and shade the root zone. Never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade in one mowing. Return mulched clippings to the lawn.

(5) Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

(6) Take short showers over tub baths.

3. The DECAM, DPW and the FCFH Office will keep you apprised of any changes to the restrictions in this memorandum through e-mail, the Fort Carson cable channel and The Mountaineer, as appropriate. Visit the Colorado Springs Utilities website <http://www.csu.org/> for additional water conservation tips and xeriscape landscape information.

4. Other communities around Fort Carson strongly encourage voluntary conservation measures. Please pay special attention to the water situation in your area through your provider and local media. We must do our part to help conserve water in the Pikes Peak Region. We will protect our future ability to train soldiers and our quality of life here at Fort Carson.

5. The DECAM POC is Ms Mary Barber, 526-4648. The DPW POC is Mr. Vince Guthrie, 526-2927.

  
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